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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: SREF, AF, PK
SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN:U.S. VOLAG
PROJECTS

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 10469, (B) STATE 9755

1. EMBASSY'S EXCELLENT SUBMISSION ON NEW U.S. VOLAG
FUNDING PROPOSALS IS MOST APPRECIATED. WE EXPECT TO
DECIDE ON SALVATION ARMY AND CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
PROPOSALS BY MID-JUNE AND WILL ADVISE YOU OF OUTCOME.
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2. WE ARE MOST CONCERNED THAT CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
HAS YET TO FORMULATE FINAL PROPOSAL AND ARE DISMAYED AT
ANTICIPATED REQUEST FOR DOLLAR 600,000. WE HAVE ALERTED
ALL VOLAGS OPERATING AMONG THE REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN TO
OUR STRINGENT BUDGET CIRCUMSTANCES THIS YEAR AND TO THE
NEED TO KEEP NEW PROPOSALS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO
PRESENT PROGRAM FUNDING LEVELS. SUCH A LARGE INCREASE
FOR THE CRS PROGRAM FROM THE CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL OF

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DOLLARS 251,000. WOULD CAUSE US BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES AND COULD BRING INTO QUESTION THE EQUALITY OF OUR TREATMENT OF THE VOLAGS.

3. WE HAVE ASKED CRS NEW YORK OFFICE TO SEE THAT ITS PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED SOONEST AND HAVE ADVISED THEM THAT A REQUEST FOR FUNDING MORE IN LINE WITH THE LEVEL OF THEIR CURRENT PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE A MORE SYMPATHETIC RECEPTION HERE, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEIR FIELD REPS' CURRENT PLANS APPEAR TO BE IN SOME DISARRAY. CRS NEW YORK PROMISED TO CONVEY THIS TO ITS PAKISTAN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH LOCAL CRS REPS AND INDICATE THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING A TIGHTLY PREPARED AND STRONGLY SUPPORTABLE PROPOSAL FROM THEM IN WASHINGTON BY NO LATER THAN JUNE 20 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO SUGGEST TO LOCAL REPS THAT THEY SUBMIT TO US IN DRAFT FORM THOSE IDEAS FOR NEW, MORE AMBITIOUS PROJECTS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY REFINED TO BE APPROPRIATELY INCLUDED IN A CURRENT PROPOSAL. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED OTHER VOLAGS TO GIVE US THEIR IDEAS IN ADVANCE FOR SIZEABLE PROJECTS IN NEW AREAS (PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF SELF-RELIANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND EDUCATION) TO HELP US IN OUR PLANNING FOR FUTURE BUDGETARY PERIODS AND WOULD BE MOST HAPPY TO REVIEW CRS DRAFTS IN THAT CONTEXT. (RP/ASIA: 1348K) SHULTZ

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